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# Seat Pleasant News

*"A Smart City of Excellence"*



## MD Governor Larry Hogan visits Seat Pleasant:

### *A Smart City of Excellence* at MML

Every year Seat Pleasant: *A Smart City of Excellence* has the opportunity to attend the Maryland Municipal League Conference (MML) in Ocean City, MD. The Maryland Municipal League Summer Conference is a conference where hundreds of Maryland city and town officials gather in Ocean City, MD to learn about and discuss municipal issues. The summer conference is also a great opportunity to network and learn about other municipalities in the state of Maryland.

This year Seat Pleasant: *A Smart City of Excellence* had the pleasure of being recognized by MML and was awarded the MML 2018 Achievement Award: Solving Community Problems to Enhance Quality of Life for our "My Seat Pleasant" mobile app. The award was accepted by our Director of Public Engagement, Sharron Lipford.

Over the course of two days attendees of the conference had the opportunity to visit different municipality exhibit booths learning about that particular municipality it all it has to offer. Attendees who visited our Seat Pleasant exhibit booth had the opportunity to showcase our Connected Government Solution (CGS) through a customized virtual reality (VR). Our virtual reality showcased two emergency management responses.

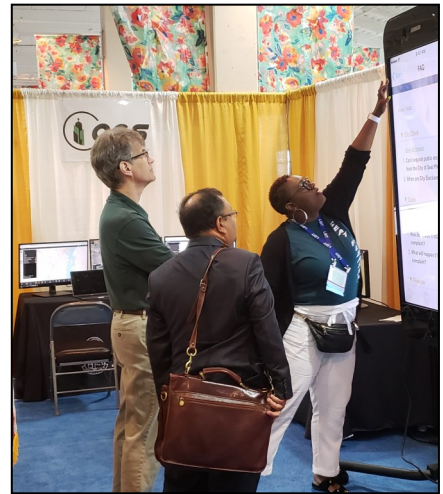






One emergency being an active shooter and the other a flood in a small city. The virtual reality (VR) active shooter and flooding in a small city demonstrates how our Connected Government Solution (CGS) using IBM's Intelligent Operations Center works. Attendees of our booth were able to experience those two scenarios through our the Oculus Go googles and learn how the system works. Attendees of the exhibit booth was also about to experience a lot of the smart. Visitors were also able to use our aviation simulator, where we hope to help those who are interested in obtaining a pilot license. As apart of our engagement strategy people were able to play our "Smart Card Game" will at the conference. They had to collect playing cards which told them about Seat Pleasant, What a smart city is, Mayor Grant and our City Council.

On the last day of the conference we were honored by an official visit by our Maryland Governor, Larry Hogan. During his visit the governor met most of the members of the Seat Pleasant City Council including: Reveral Yeargin, Council President, Kelly Porter, Councilmember At-Large, Shireka McCarthy, Councilmember At-Large, Hope Love, Councilmember Ward II , and Gloria Sistrunk, Councilmember Ward V. We thank Governor Hogan for stopping by our booth. We enjoyed teaching him and other attendees about Seat Pleasant: *A Smart City of Excellence.*



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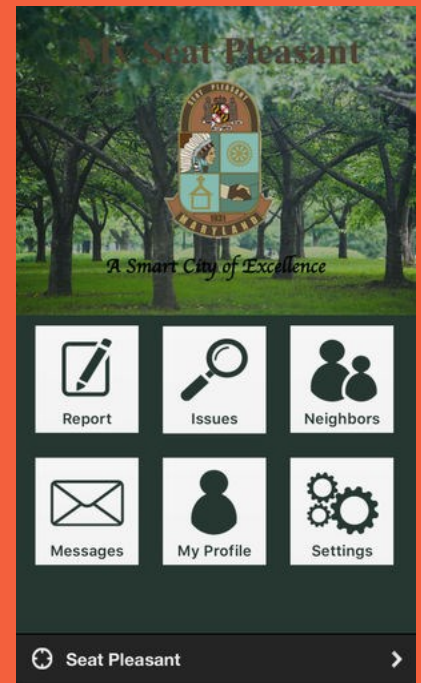


# “My Seat Pleasant” APP

The “My Seat Pleasant” app gives residents access to City services whenever it’s convenient, 24/7. It’s an easy way for citizens to get answers to questions if they don’t know who to call at City Hall. The “My Seat Pleasant” app is accessible through mobile devices including Androids, tablets, iPads, iPhones, and the City website.

## HOW TO INSTALL THE APP:

- Open you App store (Apple Store for Iphone users; Google Play Store for Android users)
- Type “My Seat Pleasant” in the search box
- Click the app to download
- When the download is complete you can begin to use your “My Seat Pleasant” App



## BEAT THE HEAT

When the temperature and humidity rise, so does the potential for heat-related illnesses such as heat rash, heat cramps, heat exhaustion, and heat stroke. Here are some tips for you to stay healthy when it's hot outside.



### AVOID BEING OUTSIDE DURING THE HOTTEST PARTS OF THE DAY.

Temperatures are usually at their highest from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.



### DRINK PLENTY OF WATER.

Drink water even if you do not feel thirsty; avoid drinks that contain alcohol or caffeine.



### WEAR APPROPRIATE CLOTHING.

Wear lightweight, light-colored, loose-fitting clothing.



### WEAR SUNSCREEN.

Use SPF 15 or higher (the most effective products say “broad spectrum” or “UVA/UVB protection” on their labels).



### NEVER LEAVE ANYONE IN A CAR.

On an 80-degree day, the temperature inside the vehicle can heat up to 109 degrees in just 20 minutes.

Keep them safe  
this summer

## Hot Asphalt Awareness

Air Temp

77°  
86°  
87°

Asphalt Temp<sup>\*</sup>

125°  
135°  
143°

w/direct, hot  
sunlight



at 125°f skin (paw)  
destruction can begin to  
occur in as little  
as 60 seconds

If possible, walk your pets before  
9am or after 8pm when the sun is  
lowest - or walk in  
shaded or grassy areas!

If it's too hot for you,  
then it's too hot for me!



MAYOR GRANT'S

# Bike Rodeo

FREE EVENT

JULY 7, 2018  
9AM - 2PM

GOODWIN PARK  
311 68TH PLACE  
SEAT PLEASANT, MD



PRESENTED BY MAYOR EUGENE W. GRANT AND THE  
SEAT PLEASANT POLICE DEPARTMENT

- Bike Repair Station
- Helmet Fittings
- Obstacle Courses
- Snacks & Refreshments
- Half-Mile Group Bike Ride
- Safety Tips & Information on the Rules of the Road

**ALL PARTICIPANTS ARE REQUIRED TO WEAR A HELMET**

For More Information | 301.499.8700 | [cops@seatpleasantmd.gov](mailto:cops@seatpleasantmd.gov)

## National Night Out with SPPD

**National Night Out** will be hosted by the Seat Pleasant Citizens for Public Safety Advisory Council in conjunction with the Seat Pleasant Police Department.

**When: Tuesday, August 7, 2018 at 6:00pm**

**Where: Seat Pleasant Activity Center**

The night will include vendors, moon bounces, face painting, music, and food.



POLICE • COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS

## Seat Pleasant City Council holds Legislative Retreat

Seat Pleasant City Council held their annual legislative retreat last month. The retreat is held every year, so that the City Council has the opportunity to discuss and establish goals for the city administration the upcoming year.





# Seat Pleasant Signs MOU with PGCC and PGCOG

*Prince George's Community College will offer a Smart Cities Curriculum to prepare for a Smart Workforce*



Last month, The City of Seat Pleasant: *A Smart City of Excellence* held a ceremony announcing that it has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with Prince George's Community College (PGCC) and Prince George's Chambers of Commerce (PGCOC).

This initiative will use the Seat Pleasant: *A Smart City of Excellence* as the model for creating a curriculum at Prince George's Community College pertaining to smart cities Workforce Development training. Seat Pleasant: *A Smart City of Excellence* is recognized as becoming a pioneer for smart cities being the FIRST authentic

small smart city not only in Prince George's County, but in the state of Maryland. The partnership between Seat Pleasant: *A Smart City of Excellence*, PGCC and Prince George's Chambers of Commerce will create a smart city curriculum that will prepare and equip students with the knowledge and skills as they head into the growing smart workforce. This initiative will also provide economic development in Prince George's County creating new job opportunities that will support companies, businesses, and residents in Prince George's County as it continues into this digital era.

"We are thrilled and honored to create a partnership with Prince George's Community College and the Prince George's Chambers of Commerce. This partnership will prepare a workforce particularly in the African American community that is ready to take on the challenges of new innovations and jobs coming into our communities," says Seat Pleasant Mayor, Eugene W. Grant.

"The college is extremely happy to be a part of this partnership with Seat Pleasant: *A Smart City of Excellence*, PGCC and PGCOG as we begin to develop digital literacy and digital skills that undergird

smart city technologies and technologies that will support us into this new era.," stated Dr. Yvette Snowden, Associate Vice President of Workforce Development and Continuing Education for PGCC.

PGCC and PGCOG attaches great importance to collaboration with Seat Pleasant: *A Smart City of Excellence* gaining yet another major partnership to promote the vision for preparing for smart cities.





# MOSQUITO CONTROL

## City of Seat Pleasant Mosquito Spray Night Notification

Mosquito spraying will begin the beginning of June 4th and end September 18th. Spraying begins after dark. Spray activity **IS NOT** conducted during day light hours. If you see a spray truck in your community during the day, **IT IS NOT** the State of Maryland.



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We advise that all residents remain inside, close all windows, bring in any pets, and remain inside for 30 minutes after the spray truck has passed. Spray will **NOT** be released if residents are outside and the truck will not make another pass down the street.

The spray schedule will rotate every **3** weeks. Your street may or may not be sprayed each week. The frequency of the spray will be determined by data collected and any complaints received.

**SPRAY SEASON  
BEGINS:  
JUNE 4TH TO  
SEPTEMBER 18TH**

**YOUR SCHEDULED  
SPRAY NIGHT IS  
THURSDAY**

**SPRAYING WILL  
BEGIN AFTER DARK  
AND MAY CONTINUE  
UNTIL MIDNIGHT OR  
LATER**

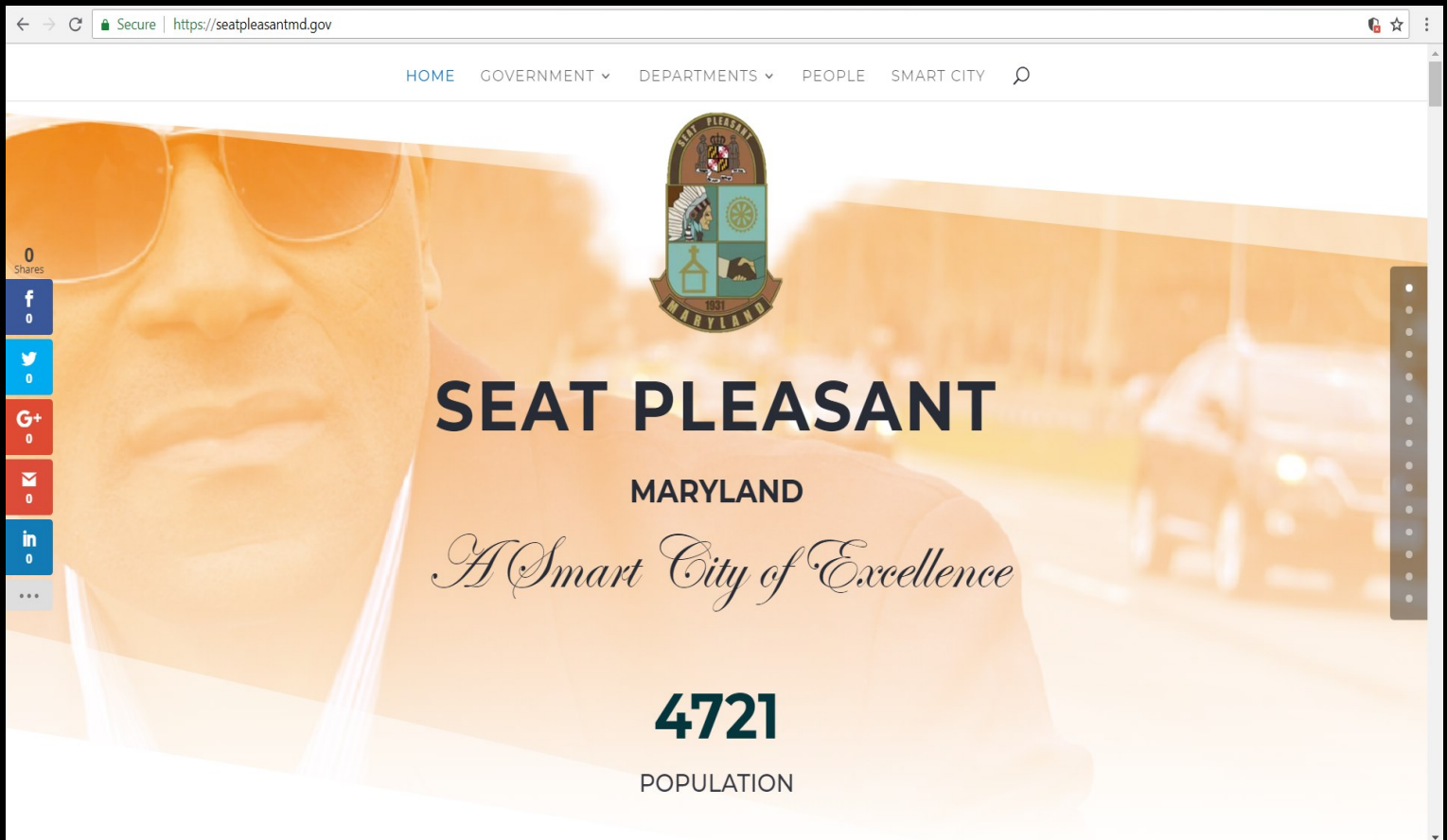
# \$\$\$\$GRANT OPPORTUNITY \$\$\$\$

Cities and Towns in Prince George's County, Maryland are providing weatherization upgrades, funded by a MEA and DHCD grant, at no cost to the home owner if qualified. This will help homeowners save money on monthly utility bills and make their home more energy efficient.

- Prince George's County, Maryland, homeowners must meet income criteria and be willing to provide documentation of income..
- Veterans and/or Retired Homeowners will be given preference.
- False Income Statements or; Aggressive dogs not being safely handled; Drug use on premises; Threats to auditor; structurally inadequate; rental property; and/or other safety or issues prohibited by grant special conditions.

For more information and how to complete the application, visit [www.seatpleasantmd.gov](http://www.seatpleasantmd.gov)

## COMMITTED TO EXCELLENCE. INTRODUCING THE NEW CITY WEBSITE



We've updated our website! We've been hard at work building our new website making sure you have everything you need to know about Seat Pleasant: *A Smart City of Excellence*. We'd love for you to take a look and let us know what you think. We hope you like the changes, and if you have any feedback, please let us know on [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#), or [Instagram](#)!



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